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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 18 Percent From Last Year

On June 1, 2009, Arizona had 301,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 64,000 head from a year ago and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 26,000 head during May, a decrease of 8,000 head from a year ago. During May, the number of head marketed was 35,000, a decrease of 3,000 head from last year.

On June 1, 2009, California had 470,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 55,000 head from last year but up 20,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 74,000 head during May, a decrease of 6,000 head from May 2008. Marketings of fed cattle totaled 52,000 head, a decrease of 19,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.4 million head on June 1, 2009. The inventory was 4 percent below June 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.64 million, 14 percent below 2008. Net placements were 1.54 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of May since the series began in 1996. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600

pounds were 395,000, 600-699 pounds were 305,000, 700-799 pounds were 433,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.95 million, 9 percent below 2008. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of May since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 101,000 during May, 26 percent above 2008.

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